

Thomas Jefferson to Thomas Munroe, Superintendent of the City, August 16, 1802, Faded Copy, from Thomas Jefferson and the National Capital. Edited by Saul K. Padover.

Jefferson to Thomas Munroe. [TO T. MUNROE]

*Monticello, August 16, 1802.*⁴⁹

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Sir,

Yours of the 13th. is this moment received, informing me of the vacancy in the office of Surveyor of the City, by the departure of the late Surveyor, and of the necessity of an immediate appointment. According therefore to what had been proposed in that event taking place, I presume it is proper to appoint Mr Nicholas King, to that place. I believe his appointment was heretofore *made by the Commrs.* with the approbation of the President, but that the appointment had only their signature, if so, yours is now to supply that, and consequently, you will get the final authority to Mr Nichs. King to act. should I be mistaken in this and should a commission signed by the President be requisite then let such an one be forwarded to me for signature, and desire him to act in the meantime under the authority of this letter, that nothing may suffer. Accept my best wishes and respects.

Th: Jefferson.

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